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1. According to the best available data, about 160,000 Slovaks migrated from Slovakia to Bohemia-Moravia during 1946 to help resettle the Sudeten areas evacuated by the Germans.
2. The Slovak authorities in Bratislava consider this number to be quite sufficient, and believe that any further migration of Slovaks might endanger Slovakia's insistence on a continuation of its semi-autonomous status. Consequently, they have answered Prague's call for additional manpower with the suggestion that a greater number of Hungarians be transferred to the Sudetenland, or at least to the interior of Bohemia-Moravia, where they can relieve the labor shortage caused by the movement of Czechs to the Sudetenland.
3. The Czechoslovak Government does not regard the arrival of the Hungarians with disfavor, and believes that they can eventually be assimilated into the Czechoslovak population. However, it questions the advisability of such a move until assured that Slovak-Hungarian negotiations for population exchanges are not going to demand the eventual retransfer of all these persons to Hungary.
4. Meanwhile, the compulsory transfer of Hungarians from the Dunajska Streda region, southeast of Bratislava, to northern Bohemia and Moravia is continuing.

Comment: According to a previous report from the same source, Hungarians were being shipped from southern Slovakia to Bohemia-Moravia in late December 1946 at the rate of 350 to 400 persons per day. [REDACTED] over 400 more convoys of Hungarians would be shipped during the early months of 1947.

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